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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT:

CIVIL AVIATION - SOVDEL - ACCIDNET INVESTIGATION (05.0404)

REF: (A) STATE 90004, (B) STATE 98226

1. EMBASSY SUCCEEDED IN CONTACTING MINCIVAIR OFFICIALS ON APRIL 19 TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS RAISED BY REFTELS. YURIY SMUROV, MCA, PROVIDED COPY OF A LETTER CONCERNING FORTH-COMING SOVIET ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION (05.0404) DELEGATION VISIT TO US. ORIGINAL, FROM I. M. OSIPOV TO FRANK TAYLOR OF FAA, BEING FORWARDED THROUGH AEROFLOT REPRESENTATIVE IN US. INFORMAL SCIENCE OFFICE TRANSLATION FOLLOWS.

2. "DEAR MR. TAYLOR,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 10 IN WHICH YOU ADVISED OF YOUR ASSIGNMENT AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN SIDE OF THE SUBGROUP ON PROBLEM 4 (05.0404).

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I AND MY COLLEAGUES EXPRESS HOPE AND CONFIDENCE THAT OUR COOPERATION IN PROBLEM 4 WILL CONTINUE SUCCESSFULLY IN THE INTEREST OF RAISING THE LEVEL OF SAFETY IN CIVIL AVIATION.

CONCERNING THE TIMING OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SUBGROUP, I AM ABLE TO ADVISE THE FOLLOWING.

BECAUSE WE ONLY RECEIVED YOUR LETTER ON APRIL 6, WE ARE EXPERIENCING SOME DIFFICULTIES IN ARRANGING THE MEETING AT THE TIME PROPOSED BY YOU.

THEREFORE, WE REQUEST THAT YOU CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING OUR MEETING FROM MAY 29 AND ADVISE US OF YOUR DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IN THE EVENT YOU AGREE, THE SOVIET DELEGATION OF 3-4 PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO ARRIVE IN THE USA FOR A SEVEN-DAY VISIT ON MAY 29.

WE HOPE THAT ARRANGING THE MEETING OF THE SUBGROUP AT THE TIME PROPOSED BY US, THAT IS, FROM MAY 29 TO JUNE 4, WILL NOT CAUSE ESPECIALLY GREAT DIFFICULTIES FOR YOU.

PLEASE PASS OUR VERY BEST REGARDS TO MR. V. KHELNON AND MR. A. BRUNSHTEIN. RESPECTFULLY, I. M. OSIPOV."

3. SMUROV STRESSED TO EMBASSY OFFICER THAT A NUMBER OF MATTERS, INCLUDING DESPATCH OF A DELEGATION TO CURRENT ICAO MEETING IN MONTREAL AND AVIATION MEDICINE DELEGATION (05.0408) TO US EARLY NEXT MONTH, MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR MCA TO ARRANGE THIS SOVDEL VISIT AT TIME PROPOSED BY US HOSTS.
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